GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

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INDUSTRY STATUS TO THE TOURISM
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government proposes to give tourism the status of an industry; and

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken by the Ministry of Tourism in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a)&(b): The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion) have announced packages for the States of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttaranchal for certain identified thrust industries, including Eco-Tourism industries set up in these States. Thereafter the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion has announced the North East Industrial and Investment Promotion Policy (NEIIP), 2007 under which capital investment subsidy is available for various Industrial and Service Sector activities including hotels, adventure, leisure sports and ropeways in the North East States including Sikkim.